

To: All ESC Users of Information Technology Services Program (ITSP), and All ITSP Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) Teams

From: ESC/XPK (S. Linchey)

Subject: Notice of ITSP Procurement Automation Project (PAP)

Special Provision #21 of the ESC ITSP BPAs described our plans to create a uniform method for presenting vendor information using web-based technologies. ESC has tasked Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) to define and develop the tools and processes to make this possible. This Procurement Automation Project (PAP) is being managed by ESC/DIJ in conjunction with ESC/PK and ESC/XPK. Through PAP, each ITSP contractor will have the opportunity to represent their company and team members' information on a "level playing field" to be considered for task order solicitation/awards under the ITSP BPAs. Extensible Markup Language (XML) technology will be used to provide ITSP users the ability to access all relevant BPA holder and teaming partner information over the Web in a uniform manner. An automated search engine will facilitate the objective evaluation of potential offeror's capabilities and provide a fair means of selecting firms to be solicited.

We will soon distribute an XML User's Guide and Data Type Definition (DTD) for your review and use. These documents provide the structure and implementation details for PAP. We will provide an electronic means for interested parties to ask technical implementation questions directly of SAIC as they relate to the XML User's Guide. All questions of a Program/Requirements/Policy and /or Contractual nature with regard to ITSP must be addressed to the ITSP Program Management Office (ESC/XPK). All BPA Teams are invited to update their current ITSP web sites using the XML format. Vendors who choose not to do so may risk not being considered for future ITSP solicitations. We plan to begin using the PAP tools beginning on or about January 2000.

SAIC was competitively selected to perform this work under the GSA Management, Organization and Business Improvement Services (MOBIS) Federal Supply Schedule, not under the ITSP or the IT Services Schedule. We recognize that SAIC is, however, an ITSP BPA holder and we are sensitive to potential competitor's concerns. Please be assured that in performance of this effort, SAIC will not have access to any other company's proprietary information nor will they gain any competitive advantage in regards to future ITSP competitions. We will appreciate your cooperation and participation as ESC and SAIC proceed with the PAP.

If you have questions or concerns please direct them to the ITSP management team: Steve Linchey - Contracting Officer (781) 377-8859; Susan Kennison - Program Manager - (781) 377-8724; or Capt. Mark Restad - Contracts Manager - (781) 377-6980.

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